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A Special Tribute To Helen Carmody

BY GREG HUNT

During a trip to Los Angeles, California in 1978, I made an attempt to visit the Long Beach Coin Show. I drove out to the pier area and parked my rented car. I found the Queen Mary docked close by and proceeded to purchase my tickets to attend the coin show. I got a three day pass.

As I walked around looking for U. S. and Hawaiian coins and tokens, I found a couple of faces that I recognized. First there was Tom McAfee who had relocated his business to Florida but still had some nice Hawaiiana. I also saw Don Medcalf and Don King. While asking them for leads on Hawaiiana I met Don Carmody. Don was wearing green pants with a white dress shirt and a four leaf clover cutout on his pocket. He related that he had some Hawaiiana and showed me to his table. There seated at his table was his beautiful wife, Helen. I looked over all of his Hawaiiana items for about one hour. After a little bit of bartering I bought a Statehood four ounce silver round with the word Niihau misspelled for \$35.00 and a HSNA aluminum medal dated 1969.

Both Helen and Don spoke to me at length about wanting to return to Hawaii on a visit. Evidently they must have enjoyed a previous visit so much that they yearned to return. They asked me about the changes to the Waikiki area and I

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responded in kind. They confided in telling me that their group in California was pushing to have the ANA hold a convention in Hawaii in the near future. Maybe as early as year 1980 or 1981.

On February 6-9, 1981 the ANA held its Mid-Winter Coin Show in Honolulu, Hawaii at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom. I was helping with security for the show and walked around looking at the over 650 dealers present. I came across a table that had a emerald green table cloth with the name Carmody printed on it. I was not sure if this was the

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same couple I had met but introduced myself and struck up a conversation with Don. I again got a very good deal and purchased an extremely rare Japan\Hawaii Friendship medal dated 1916. Don and I spoke for a little while and I again met his wife briefly.

In 1985 I was introduced to the ANA Region #8 Coordinator by ANA District Delegate and Big Island Coin Club President Mr. Rick Howsley. This person turned out to be none other than Helen Carmody. After introductions I got her a special ribbon to enter our show early. After walking the floor for a couple of hours and securing a couple of deals she asked to meet with Marion Kendrick, Charles Matsuda, Rick Howsley, and myself. She immediately started a conversation with Marion and I about our State organization and the local clubs in Hawaii. She listen intently to our exchange. I know she had detected that we in Hawaii felt disenfranchised from our mainland counterparts as well as completely upset with the ANA in general. She met with us again and asked us candidly what would it take to rectify our differences. Again she listened intently and wrote down many ideas. She ended her visit with a promise to work on our problems and find out the answers.

In three short months she had started to correspond with all of us on a monthly basis. She stated our problems clearly and noted the answers as she found them. She continued the entire year to keep us informed in a most timely manner about her progress and the activities of the ANA. She started a chain reaction. Our members started to take notice of the ANA and attended the summer education sessions as well as the ANA yearly shows. She got us involved in getting our junior members more active in club activities by providing them with incentives. She also sought out scholarships for two different Hawaii juniors to attend the summer classes at the ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

She continued to attend our annual coin show and brought many ANA members as well

as California collectors to the islands. She has continued her correspondence on a regular basis even though her husband Don has been in and out of the hospital. She has continued to provide us with many solutions to our problems. She has assisted us with verbal presentations about the ANA at our annual dinner as well as attend our board of directors meetings. She has helped Marion locate and bring in new and old dealers to our coin show. She always made sure to contact all the local clubs when she was in town to personally touch bases with them. She was even instrumental in signing up a couple of members with the ANA. I know personally that this was no easy task. Our admiration has grown and we can trust that ANA now knows who we are and what we stand for.

In November of 1991 it was our extreme pleasure to learn that our own Helen had expressed an interest in running for the Board of Directors of the ANA. Our board of directors as well as membership had encouraged her to run for election a couple times so we were only glad to help her with a monetary donation for her campaign. The Hawaii State Numismatic Association, Honolulu Coin Club, and the Big Island Coin Club unanimously supported her bid to get elected. This money was well spent on behalf of all the numismatists.

In August 1993 we got word that she was elected to the BOD of the ANA. We were ecstatic to hear of her election, let alone to hear she had won the most votes. She will be the most positive addition to the Board of Directors of the ANA.

I wish Helen good luck and a special mahalo nui loa on behalf of the HSNA, HCC, and BICC. Also a special thanks to her biggest fan and staunch supporter, husband Don Carmody. It takes a special person who can share his wife with all of us. Please accept our fondest love and aloha to the both of you!



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Honolulu Coin Club

The Honolulu Coin Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Susannah Wesley Community Center at 1117 Kaili Street, 7:30 p.m. Gregory Hunt, president.



the Other Side of the Bourse

By Irving Kam



As the final few weeks draw to a close, it is quite evident that 1993 will not be remembered as a notable year for island economics. Despite these persistent recessionary times, the recently concluded Hawaii State Numismatic Association's annual convention seemed to have emerged fairly well. Opening day hosted a better than average turn out which took advantage of the currently favorable prices. Dealer to dealer transactions were particularly active and confidence at today's levels was apparent. Our good fortune of having Veteran's Day fall on Thursday this year was really a welcome wind-fall that directly reflected a spirited bourse floor. Conversely, day two saw a considerable decline in public attendance as people returned to their jobs and respective priorities. However, enough business had transpired prior to any major lulls and most dealers experienced a rather decent Friday. The first day of the week-end is usually a good retail day and this one at least started out as such. It slowed after only a few hours and continued at that pace for the remainder of the day. Again, many dealers recorded good numbers but for a Saturday it was a bit flat. The last day of the show, Sunday, was just that, a typical Sunday. A day to do whatever business there is to do, go tie up any loose ends, pay the bills, arrange transportation, or maybe just do some last minute buying. A Sunday.

In general, no one coin series really garnered any more attention than any other but if one had to be singled out, a good choice would be U.S. silver dollars. Slabbed or raw, there sure was enough to choose from and at much saner price. Commemorative halves had a pretty nice following, as did early Lincoln cents, and the various Hawaii stuff did okay. Problem free circulated collector type coins or anything with a better

date\mint mark also proved popular.

It's good to have the mainland contingent of dealers back here again and to view any fresh quality material they may have brought. The year saw some major national shows having problems with public participation and a few smaller ones being postponed or cancelled. Even locally, Honolulu Coin Club's Statehood Day Coin Show held in August seemed a bit slower than it's ever been in recent memory. The Bourse fee and overall cost of doing business in Hawaii has got to be on the high end of the scale yet they make the trip year after year. Some behind a table almost every show since the first one in 1964. As always, any and all support or involvement in H.S.N.A.'s conventions are truly appreciated.

It is hard to talk about the H.S.N.A. without also mentioning the name Marion Kendrick as he has become synonymous with said organization. Despite what you read or hear, he is the absolute driving force behind H.S.N.A. and in his capacity, there are no "others." Every year, and throughout that entire year, he is kept busy with the myriad of details it takes to put out a creditable product each November. The success he attains is a benefit to all of us and Marion certainly deserves a warm heart felt Mahalo.

Aloha! pau

Short News Brief

By Mark Von Wronski

The HCC would like to make special mention that Mr. Rusty Goe, owner of Las Vegas Rare Coin Gallery, has been honored by the Professional Numismatists Guild (PNG) for aiding in the capture of a California man which led to the arrest and charging of two teenagers in the slaying of Fremont, California coin dealer Ronald L. Miller. Ron Miller who was killed in his shop last year, was a familiar face to many HCC members and dealers. He had participated in some of our local shows.

HCC would also like to send along our thanks and Aloha to Rusty Goe for his help, which will hopefully end in the conviction of the people responsible for Ron Miller's untimely death. Mahalo.

KOLOA MAOLI, 13TH WOOD

By Kazuma Oyama



Hawaiian Endangered Wildlife No. 13 issued in conjunction with the 30th annual coin show of the Hawaii State Numismatic Association features the Koloa Maoli (Hawaiian Duck) on the obverse and the Lilikoi (Passion fruit) on the reverse. The wooden token is printed in green.

Also known as the Hawaiian Duck, the Koloa Maoli's wild population includes all the main islands of Hawaii except Lanai. The wild population is still widespread on the island of Kauai. Breeding birds reared in captivity have been restablished on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii. Some authorities treat the Koloa as an island race of the Mallard.

A member of the passion flower (*passiflora*) family of vines, the origin of its Hawaiian name is from Lilikoi gulch on the island of Maui, where the seeds were first planted. The flowers are blue and white. There are so many species of *passiflora* native to central America, Asia, the South Pacific islands, Australia, and Madagascar. The one grown in Hawaii and known as Lilikoi bears yellow round or oblong fruits whose fragrant and tart juice is prized for fruit drinks and flavoring. A bakery on the island of Kauai is famous for their Lilikoi pies.

According to Marie C. Neal's "In Gardens of Hawaii" (Bishop Museum Press) the "Passion Flower" was so named by early European travelers in Central "tropical" America because it suggested to them the passion or suffering of Christ; the ten equal sepals and petals represented the ten Apostles at the Crucifixion; the fringed crown represented the crown of

thorns or halo; the five stamens--the five wounds; the three styles--the three nails; the tendrils--the cords or scourges; the leaves--the hands of the persecutors; the white color symbolized purity; the blue--heaven.

The wooden tokens are available by mail for fifty cents each and a self-addressed return envelope with appropriate amount of postage stamp(s). Send to: Honolulu Coin Club, P.O. Box 6063, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96818. Mahalo!

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My trip to the Coin Show

By Christine Izuo

Junior Member of HCC

I went to the Hawaii State Numismatic Association coin show at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel on Thursday. I was hoping to find a 1909-S VDB, 1909-S, 1931-S and a 1922 no D Lincoln pennies for a cheap price to finish my collection. I didn't find all of these coins, but I did find a 1909-S that was graded "good" for a cost of \$31 and a 1931-S graded "fine" for a cost of \$32. The dealer said that if I bought both of them, the price was \$60. I said "yes". That was an exciting day and when I went to sleep that night I dreamed that I won the K.S.S.K. lucky number contest of \$5,000. I was able to purchase the 1909-S VDB and the 1922 no D pennies with that money to finish my collection and lots more coins.

I went back to the coin show on Sunday and met Helen Carmody one of the governors on the ANA board. She talked to me about the ANA, so I joined as a junior member.



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BIG ISLAND COIN CLUB

November 1993 - BICC Medal Chairman Rick Howsley has the club's 30th anniversary medals ready for the members. The medal features the observatories atop Mauna Kea on the obverse, and the Big Island on the reverse. The medals will sell for \$22 to members and \$25 to the public. Orders for gold medals will be taken only at the Nov. 4th meeting. Only as many as are ordered and paid for in advance will be struck. The Royal Hawaiian Mint which struck our 25th anniversary medals, will be striking this year's medal. Fred Woodby of Mt View, who moved from Oahu; Wayne and Agnes Yamauchi of Hilo; and a new mainland member-Rick Webster of San Francisco; have all joined the BICC. Alton Chow, Don Nigro, Walt Southward, Rick Howsley, and Derrick Ah Sing attended the formal meeting of the HSNA on Oahu at the show.

December 1993 - Rick Howsley reported that only 77 of the BICC silver medals were on hand, with the remainder either sold or consigned. A total of seven gold medals were also struck. Congratulations to Alton Chow, who won a free trip to the Super Bowl in a super market contest recently. Some great goodies for munching purposes and lots of fine door prizes were had at the meeting. Welcome aboard to our newest member - Naupaka Zimmerman - Aloha.

January 1994 - Coin dealer Vern Lowe was guest speaker at the meeting. He spoke on gold and silver and warned BICC members to watch the purchase of gold coins because of the amount of counterfeiting from the Middle East. We have several mainland collectors who are interested in purchases of BICC medals. Welcome to our newest member this month, Alan Okinaka who is the Big island manager for GTE Hawaiian Tel - Aloha. Plans are moving ahead for a coin show in April. Location is still to be determined.

February 1994 - the BICC will celebrate its 30th year of existence with a one day coin show on Sunday, April 17, at the Sun Sun Lau restaurant at 1055 Kinoole Street in Hilo. The show will be from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. Derrick Ah Sing is the overall

chairman. Walt Southward is the bourse chairman. Greg Hunt, President of HSNA, was a surprise visitor at the meeting. He replaced schedule speaker Don Nigro with a talk about the history of HSNA, which he has headed since 1985. Dan Singarella was admitted to membership at the meeting - aloha.

HONOLULU COIN CLUB

November 1993 - A lot of preps were being done for "the" major coin show of the year. An (informal) meeting was held at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel. The members were able to meet and talk to the dealers who were attending the show. The evening was most enjoyable with good music and pupu. The show itself was - well I will let you read the article written by Helen Carmody. Again we wish to thank "all" who had a hand in it - Thank You.

December 1993 - The best club meeting for the year is the annual Christmas party. Lots and lots of good food was available with games and many prizes in which play money was used to auction the items off, was enjoyed by over 80 members and guests. Again our hats off to Charles Matsuda and his committee workers for all the hard work and planning. Mahalo

January 1994 - A lively discussion was held in our planning of our May 14, 1994 one day Mini Coin Show to be held at Susannah Wesley Community Center. There is another (three day) show being held at the same time. This show is more of a collector type with coin dealers included. We agreed to proceed ahead and have our show. Welcome to new members - Harry Ten and Harriet Watanabe. There was an auction and door prizes to cap the meeting with 26 members and guest and 7 juniors members present.

February 1994 - Show and Tell was the topic for the meeting. Several junior members gave a talk on what they collect and also showed the coins they had acquired. A special thanks to the parents for bring their children to the club meetings. We wish to recognize the two junior advisors who have spent their time to show and teach our junior members about the hobby, Gary Lau and James Silva. Well done --- Mahalo. The club has seven active junior members and a few more may be joining soon!





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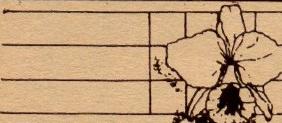
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